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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission BX6728

1. Subject mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center at 1400, 19 October 1967.

2. Mission Data:

- a. Mission Number: BX6728
- b. Date Flown: 15 October 1967
- c. Area of Operation: North Vietnam
- d. Mission Success: Successful
- e. Pilot's Name: [REDACTED]
- f. Aircraft Number: 131
- g. Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
- h. Takeoff Time - Planned: 0150Z
Actual: 0150Z
- i. Landing Time - Planned: 0526Z
Actual: 0531Z
- j. Time Enroute - Planned: 3+36
Actual: 3+41
- k. Departure Base: Kadena AB
- l. Landing Base: Kadena AB
- m. Equipment:

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- (1) Primary Type I, [REDACTED]
- (2) Spare: Same as primary

3. Operations:

- a. Route (INS Plot vs. Planned): Satisfactory.

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- (1) INS Terminal Error: 1.1 NM
- (2) INS Spec Error: 9.8 NM

b. Mission Generation & Operational Support: Satisfactory.

(1) Comments: Mission spare cancelled one and one-half hours prior to engine start due to loose fillet on top of left wing.

4. Weather:

a. Forecast vs Actual:

(1) Worse than briefed.

(2) Comments: The clearing in the target area that was forecast due to the high pressure area North East of Hainan failed to fully materialize. [] reported 80% cloud cover in target Area 1 and 65% cloud cover in target Area 2.

b. Weather Scout Reporting: Satisfactory.

5. Intelligence:

a. Target Coverage:

- (1) 4 of 7 programmed targets covered.
- (2) 0 first priority SSM targets of 9 covered.
- (3) 0 of 27 first priority NVN COMOR targets covered.
- (4) 7 SAM sites, 0 sites occupied, 1 new site
- (5) 0 other priority NVN COMOR targets covered.
- (6) Comments: Coverage was obtained on the potential tactical missile deployment regions of the panhandle and the DMZ. Three of five newly designated COMIREX search targets near the DMZ were photographed. No SSM or other significant activity was noted.

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b. Quality of Take: Satisfactory.

(1) Resolution: Good.

(2) Camera Operation: Good.

[Redacted]

d. [Redacted] Activations: None.

e. Take Movement:

(1) Photography: Satisfactory.

(2) [Redacted]

6. Materiel:

a. Aircraft General: Satisfactory.

(1) Comments: No. 2 fuel tank "Empty" light was inoperative.

b. Aircraft Systems: Satisfactory.

(1) Comments:

[Redacted]

(b) Time code generator was one hour in error.
(Repeat write-up.)

7. Communications: Satisfactory.

a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory.

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- b. [] Satisfactory
c. UHF/HF Commo: Satisfactory
d. Other Comments: All frequencies used were considered good.

8. Outstanding Actions Required: Time code generator inaccuracies to be researched (Deputy for Materiel, OSA).

9. Summary: This mission was launched primarily to obtain high interest intelligence in the lower panhandle region and DMZ area.

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#2 - D/O/OSA
#3 - D/M/OSA
#4 - D/R&D/OSA
#5 - OXC/O/OSA
#6 - Intel/O/OSA
#7 - Wea/O/OSA
#8 - Commo/O/OSA
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#10 - RB/OSA
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